

Background Information for Emergency Expenditure Request

Emergency: Coronavirus 2020
Subject: Suspension of Car Parking Charges
Date: 19 March 2020
Chief Officer: Adrian Rowbotham

Council Constitution

Appendix D - Financial Procedure Rules

2d. Emergency Expenditure

Why is this important?

The Council needs to have in place a procedure for meeting immediate needs in the case of an emergency situation arising in the District.

General

2.32 The Chief Executive and s.151 Officer/Chief Finance Officer shall have the authority to approve expenditure on any item which is essential to meet any immediate needs created by an emergency or which is referable to Section 138 of the Local Government Act 1972, subject to a subsequent report to Cabinet and/or Full Council depending on whether or not the expenditure can be met from within the current budget framework.

2.33 The Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Council together with the Leader or Deputy Leader of Council, having received a report from the Chief Executive and the Chief Executive and s.151 Officer/Chief Finance Officer, shall have power to incur expenditure which is essential to meet any immediate needs created by an emergency or which is referable to Section 138 of the Local Government Act 1972 (or other subsequent legislation) which is not otherwise authorised or where it is necessary in the Council's interest to settle legal proceedings which have been commenced against the Council. A subsequent report shall be submitted to Cabinet and/or the full Council depending on whether or not the expenditure can be met from within the current budget framework.

Detail

Members have requested the suspension of car parking charges in order to help the local community during these difficult times.

The following actions will be put in place:

1. Suspension of on-street parking charges.
2. Suspension of off-street parking charges.
3. Suspension of car parking season tickets.
4. Parking restrictions will continue to be enforced (e.g. time limits in car parks)

These actions will be implemented for 3 months commencing on 23 March 2020.

Season ticket holders will be contacted, and signage will be placed in car parks and on parking machines.

Financial Impact

The potential loss of income for three months is as follows:

	£
Suspension of on-street parking charges	116,000
Suspension of off-street parking charges	534,000
Suspension of car parking season tickets	108,000
Total	758,000

The above figures are based on April 2019 income levels. However, it should be noted that actual usage of available parking has significantly reduced over the last week so the actual income that is likely to be received if these actions were not implemented would be significantly less.

Requesting Chief Officer: Adrian Rowbotham, Chief Officer - Finance and Trading

Approval

Chief Executive:



Chief Officer - Finance and Trading:

